(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of rural areas being equipped with solar energy system, State-wise;

(c) whether grant is being paid by Government to individual or private institutions who have interest to install solar energy system; and

(d) if so, the deails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEM WAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing several programmes to promote use of solar energy devices and systems in the country including rural areas. The programmes are the Solar Photovoltaic Programme, Remote Village Eelctrification Programme, Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Programme, Solar Lantern Programme and Solar Thermal Energy Programme. Under these programmes, financial assistance is being provided on purchase/installation of dish type solar cookers, solar lanterns, solar home lighting systems, solar street lighting systems; solar pumping systems and solar power plants etc. The eligibility criterion and the quantum of support is different under different programmes, In addition to the above, a scheme on "Accelerated Development and Deployment of Solar Water Heating Systems in domestic, Industrial and Commercial Sectors" is also being implemented under which soft loan is available to the beneficiaries through selected banks and Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. for installation of solar water heating systems.

The State-wise details of the solar photovoltaic systems installed in the country including the rural areas are given in enclosed Statement-I and II *{See* below).

(c) and (d) The details of financial assistance provided by the Ministry, including to individuals and private institutions for installations of solar energy system are given in enclosed Statement-Ill, IV and V.

Statement-I

State-wise Installations under solar Photovoltaic Programmes as on 29th February, 2008

SI. No.	State/UT	SPV Pumps		Solar Photovoltaic		
		Nos.	Street Lights	Home Lights Nos.	Solar Lantern	Power Plant (Kwp)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	613	3733	1628	35152	21.66
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	788	1770	9937	7.90
3.	Assam	45	98	5870	711	7.5
4.	Bihar	139	690	2771	50117	0.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	93	1409	7028	3192	0.00
6.	Goa	15	283	223	603	1.72